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To date we have provided GAO with 35 decision documents as well as verified the list of region 6 Federal Facilities/DOD that were of their interest, there are 79 sites on that list.

We have reviewed either electronic or paper copies of 54 sites, 5 are on the NPL, 1 was noted as NO files, and 19 files were at the FRC, We anticipate the FRC files to be in the office on Monday May 5th, upon completion of the review of these files we will have to make to a determination on what to do for those sites that no decision document was present in the files, options include

- 1) Creating one
- 2) Identifying some other file information that would support the decision
- 3) Just saying we don't have it and put together a rationale as to the deposition of the site,
- 4) a combination of all of the above

In my opinion we have to be as transparent as possible, and what we don't have, say we don't have it, thank GAO for the opportunity to cleanup up our database and document the current decision.

The other thing we need to ensure is that the most recent decision document and CERCLIS agree, and if they don't identify why, so far we have only one discrepancy.

Also we need to show that these sites are currently being addressed through an appropriate mechanism, based on input from BRAC, 36 of these sites are currently being addressed under BRAC, and we need to be able for each site that it is either not of federal interest, under a state cleanup, or being addressed under BRAC or an NPL site.

I think we need to understand the data once we have reviewed all 79 sites, and be able to provide a rationale for each decision, either supported by file review, under BRAC authority, state program or truly not of federal interest.

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